

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were addressed in the Office Action, thus this response applies to those claims. However, it appears that the Examiner has not considered the remaining claims (see Preliminary Amendment filed May 18, 2005. Consideration of the additional claims 24-47 is courteously solicited. The Examiner will note that by this amendment some of claims 24-27 have been amended (and renumbered) as well.

The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 5897-000024/US/NP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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